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In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2004, applicants hereby submit amendments made to applicants' claims and a remarks section in which the traversal of the rejections is set forth. Accordingly, the Examiner will find on page 5 a listing of the claims as amended herein or otherwise. Following that, the Examiner will find a set of remarks directed to the items set forth in aforementioned Office Action.

Amendments to specification: see page 3.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of the present response.

Amendments to the drawings have been made prior to the formal set of drawings being filed with the Patent and Trademark Office. The set of formal drawings that was submitted with the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers on June 26, 2001, and received by the PTO on June 28, 2001, are correct and contain all of the drawing changes detailed in the Remarks section for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants' remarks are found on page 10 of the present submission.